and Internal Security generated a number of positive ideas and suggestions with potential to create new dimensions in India's ties with the diaspora.

(b) The Diaspora evinced keen interest in facilitating transfer of technology and promoting R & D cooperation in Defence and Internal Security Research Development with broad assurances of cooperation and involvement and with no concrete offers.

Placing India in CIA list of Nuclear Villains

273. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government protested against India being put on CIA list of Nuclear Villains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that such reports are generally engineered by the people within the US security agencies; and

(d) if so, whether it has been pointed out that India and Pakistan cannot be put in the same basket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) An Unclassified Report of CIA to the United States Congress on the Acquisition of Technology Relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Advanced Conventional Munitions for the period 1 July through 31 December 2001 released on January 07, 2003 referred to India along with other countries including Pakistan, as "secondary proliferators".

Government has, during official interactions with the United States, rejected such a description of India as baseless.

U.S. assurance to press upon Pakistan to end terrorism

274. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7th January, 2003 that